

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2988 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Jim Olsen

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2988

By: Olsen

7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to education; prohibiting the use of
9 the 1619 Project in certain institutions; prohibiting
10 teaching certain concepts pertaining to America and
11 slavery; providing penalties for violation;
12 preempting field of study; nullifying subsequent
13 federal action; providing for codification; and
14 providing an effective date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-159 of Title 70, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. No state agency, school district, charter school, online
20 instruction funded in any manner by the Oklahoma Legislature, or
21 personnel or agent of such state agency, school district, charter
22 school, or online instruction shall teach, use, or provide for use
23 by any pupil any curricula, instructional materials, or assignments
24 designed to teach components of the 1619 Project as part of any

1 curricula, course syllabi, or instruction in any course or program
2 of study, including:

3 1. Any teaching that America has more culpability, in general,
4 than other nations for the institution of slavery;

5 2. That one race is the unique oppressor in the institution of
6 slavery;

7 3. That another race is the unique victim in the institution of
8 slavery;

9 4. That America, in general, had slavery more extensively and
10 for a later period of time than other nations; or

11 5. The primary and overarching purpose for the founding of
12 America was the initiation and perpetuation of slavery.

13 B. If the State Board of Education determines that a publicly
14 funded local education agency or online program of instruction has
15 violated this section, the Board shall notify the entity of its
16 violation.

17 C. If the entity fails to comply with this section within
18 thirty (30) days of notification of its failure to comply under this
19 section, the Board shall direct the State Department of Education to
20 withhold a maximum of five percent (5%) of the monthly distribution
21 of state formula funding to the education entity. Once the Board
22 determines that the education entity has complied with this section,
23 the Department shall restore the distribution of funding to its
24 original amount.

1 D. If the Attorney General determines that a state-supported
2 two-year or four-year institution of higher education has violated
3 this section, the Attorney General shall notify the institution of
4 its violation.

5 E. If a state-supported two-year or four-year institution of
6 higher education fails to comply with this section within thirty
7 (30) days of notification of its failure to comply under this
8 section, the Attorney General may direct the Oklahoma State Regents
9 for Higher Education to withhold a maximum of five percent (5%) of
10 the distribution of state funding to the institution.

11 F. Once the Attorney General determines that a state-supported
12 two-year or four-year institution of higher education has complied
13 with this section, the Attorney General shall restore the
14 distribution of state funding for the institution to its original
15 amount.

16 G. This section shall not be construed to inhibit or violate
17 the First Amendment rights of students or faculty, or undermine a
18 public institution of higher education's duty to protect to the
19 fullest degree intellectual freedom and free expression, and the
20 intellectual vitality of students and faculty shall not be
21 infringed. This section shall not prohibit teaching that slavery
22 existed in America, teaching that American slavery was evil, or
23 teaching that America is a better nation for having abolished
24 slavery.

1 H. The State Legislature hereby occupies and preempts the
2 entire field of legislation in this state touching in any way the
3 teaching of the 1619 Project or the concepts listed in subsection A
4 of this section to the complete exclusion of any order, ordinance,
5 or regulation by any municipality or other political subdivision of
6 this state.

7 I. Any federal statute, rule, or executive order, federal or
8 state judicial order or judicial findings that would have the effect
9 of forcing the teaching of the 1619 Project or the concepts listed
10 in subsection A of this section shall be null, void, unenforceable,
11 and of no effect in the State of Oklahoma.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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